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## "Success is Counted Sweetest"

To quote the line of one of Emily Dickinson's famous poems seems appropriate in writing about the SSC Varsity Football Team and its last incredible season. Indeed, SSC did know success this school year with its many impressive wins. A focused and skilled staff led by Coach Dave Kenson brought out the very best in the team as it progressed toward the playoffs.

The playoff road included games against noteworthy adversaries such as the Picayune Maroon Tide and the Bay High Tigers. Last school year the Rocks suffered a 63-7 defeat in the game against Picayune, but this year it was a different story. The Rocks cruised to a 35-16 win over Picayune with impressive contributions from Kris Cannon, Tom Brennan, and Roger Ridgeway. The Bay High game was an especially sweet victory for SSC. In that 13- 10 win, an over time field goal by Taylor LaFontaine earned a newfound respect for a deserving SSC team.

SSC was playoff bound for the first time in years. This was the success that had for so long eluded the team. Even though SSC lost its championship bid to South Pike, the team and the school learned something very valuable. Now we all knew that we could be champions. The "impossible dream" had become a reality. And so as Dickinson said, "to comprehend the nectar requires sorest need," SSC had long had the "need" to win, and after the bland taste of dry defeat, we came to know the sweet taste of success. Congratulations to our Rock-A-Chaw team and coaches. Your successes gave so much to all of us at SSC.

Bay High's Principal Sandra Reed and Football Coach David Baughman pay their debt by washing the SSC bus as they honor a SSC football victory over Bay High.

Brother Ronald Hingle and Coach Dave Kenson look on the bus washing with obvious pride in SSC's victory. (Photos by Matthew Burke)

# "Louder!"

By David Billiot

"Louder!" This was a commonly heard word when we, the cast members of "Twelve Angry People," were practicing our performance. The person telling us to be louder was Mrs. Carr, the drama coordinator and director of this version of the play originally called "Twelve Angry Men." She was telling us to speak louder because she was preparing us for a much bigger setting than our regular one, the A.V. Room. The setting that Mrs. Carr was preparing us for was an auditorium full of strangers at the University of Southern Mississippi.

"Twelve Angry People" is a slightly modernized interpretation of the original play. It is a powerful story about twelve very different people who are jurors in a first degree murder case where the defendant is a sixteen year old boy. The boy is accused of murdering his father and fleeing the scene of the crime, only to come back later and be arrested. In the play, the main character, Juror #8, sets out to convince the other jurors that the boy is not guilty. With all of the evidence against the boy, this ends up being a difficult task. Juror #8 accomplishes this task, though, and the boy is found not guilty of-murder.

Mrs. Terry Carr poses here with the cast of "Twelve Angry People."

Students from both SSC and OLA auditioned for the play in October, and the main performance at the South Mississippi High School Drama Fest in Hattiesburg was held -on December tenth through the twelfth. There were fourteen other schools competing besides St. Stanislaus. We performed on Friday the eleventh, and we stayed until Saturday for the final plays and awards ceremony. Awards were given in many categories, from Best Director to Technical Achievement. Three cast members from SSC were chosen for the All-Star Cast category: T-J. McKeough, Rod Olds, and myself. Although our play was not chosen as one of the finalists to go to state, we are still proud of our performance and the goals that we have achieved. Everyone involved in the play gave 110%, and most of all we had fun doing it. The trip was almost like a retreat, allowing students and teachers to relate and talk. The entire experience was rewarding, and I know I will be at the auditions for the spring play. I encourage other students to try out also.

# An Impressive New Sound

Listening to the SSC Band this school year, one can't help but notice the obvious changes that have taken place within the rhythmic ranks. Under the direction of Mr. Ed Grotkowski, the band has a definitive shape and impressive sound. Band size has increased this school year, as more SSC students and OLA students take advantage of the opportunity to sound their talents. The SSC. Band has definite rhythm in its step. There is a cohesiveness in the marching movement that suggests each member is giving his or her personal best.

"Enough calls," voiced Mr. Grotkowski to his drum major during a practice after school.

OLA student, Roxanne McCullen, responded by signaling the band.

"Okay, one, two, three, four," Roxanne called out. The group then began playing a free-flowing Latin tune that could easily have transported any listener south of the border. When the practice neared its conclusion, Mr. Grotkowski directed the members to come in closer to him. He then began to delineate the areas where changes were necessary. The members listened attentively to his insightful direction. They seemed to know their director has brought them to a new level of achievement.

In speaking with band member Kevin Stoltz, the Rock-A-Chaw learned that the SSC Band participated in the competition held in Tylertown, Mississippi, where the band faired well. We asked Kevin to talk about the band.

"Kevin, how would you compare the last year's band to the present band?"

"Last year's band wasn't as together. This year's band is together, and the scores we received at competition show it too."

"How does Mr. Grotkowski lead this year's band?"

"He makes the band more disciplined. He's more strict and that helps out the band a lot."

"In which ways does his strictness help the band?"

"We practice more; there's more structure and that's important."

"How do you rate band members' overall opinion of the band?"

"We consider it better this year than last year, and we are happy about the way we sound."

The band members' happiness shows. This year's band has a heads-up look and sound. Much of this change for the better is due to Mr. Grotkowski. Rock-A-Chaw staff and band member Edward Jasper interviewed Mr. Grotkowski.

"Mr. Grotkowski, how long have you been a band teacher?"

"I've taught band for nineteen years. I've taught in Louisiana, California, Pennsylvania, and Florida."

"What would you say, Mr. Grotkowski, is really good about our band?"

"Our band has great potential which continues to be developed."

"What is weak about our band?"

"We are a young band, and only time will give us the depth and consistency required."

"Mr. Grotkowski, could you describe our band in one word?"

"Heart."

"That one word certainly says a lot. How about any long term plans or goals for the band?"

"Some long term goals are steady growth and improvement."

Some major improvements in the band have already occurred. The performances delivered at athletic games and concerts reflect a band well on its way to great accomplishments. The Rock-A-Chaw speaks for all of us at SSC in thanking Mr. Ed Grotkowski and the SSC Band for their work, dedication, and that impressive new sound!

# Thanks for the Cheers

Shown here are Mrs. Pat Cousins and members of the cheer leading squad.

Who could ever imagine a rousing pep rally minus the cheers? SSC has a wonderful group of cheerleaders supervised by Mrs. Pat Cousins and her assistant Mrs. Sue Page. The Rock-A-Chaw wished to show its appreciation for the fine job Mrs. Cousins and these cheerleaders do in supporting our athletic programs. Rock-A-Chaw staff member, Andrew Waterman, interviewed Mrs. Cousins.

"Mrs. Cousins, how long have you been teaching at SSC, and what do you teach?"

"This is my sixth year at St. Stanislaus, and I presently teach math."

"Have you sponsored a cheerleading program before coming to SSC?"

"No, this is my only work as a cheerleading sponsor."

"Would you please tell us about the cheerleading squad?"

"The Junior Varsity cheerleaders are eighth and ninth grade students, and there are thirteen of them. Varsity cheerleaders are tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students, and there are ten of them. All of the girls have to be students at OLA."

"How are the cheerleaders selected?"

"It's a very involved process. First all of the girls have to sign up. Each teacher at OLA gets a sheet to evaluate the girls on things like cooperation, participation, schoolwork, extracurricular activities, and so forth. Then, the week of tryouts, we have a clinic where we teach them a cheer and a dance and some jumps. Then I ask outside judges to come in and judge the girls."

"So the process takes a while?"

"It takes several weeks for me to put it together. These students are judged by their teachers' evaluations, my observations at the clinic, and the outside judges. The outside judges votes comprise fifty percent of the total grade."

"Mrs. Cousins, would you describe a typical practice?"

"We practice Tuesdays and Thursdays for about an hour and a half. Normally we practice cheers, dances, and chants; if there is time afterwards, we practice stunts."

"How many hours, game time included, do you devote to this activity, Mrs. Cousins?"

"Per week, the time ranges anywhere from fifteen to twenty hours."

"Do you and the cheerleaders go to all of the games?"

"We try to, yes, but if it is a weeknight and it is far away, there is the possibility we might not attend."

"Is there a particular moment in your work with the cheerleaders that has special meaning for you?"

"Well, this has been a very exciting season. The football team went to the playoffs, and that was special for everyone."

"Mrs. Cousins, what do you think is the most positive aspect of cheerleading for the students involved?"

"I think it is good for the cheerleaders because they are the visible representation of SSC and OLA."

A list of the SSC Cheerleaders appears at the end of this article. The Rock-A-Chaw expresses thanks to them and to Mrs. Pat Cousins for their hard work and dedication.

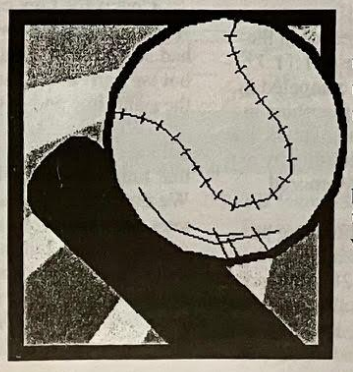
Varsity Cheerleaders- Kim Frazier – Captain, Beth Harris – Co-Captain, Ashley Alford, Aimee Boudreaux, Jessica Heaton, Mandy McConnell, Rachel McDonald, Christine Rivera, Karryl Russell, and Brett Barbazon – Rock-a-Chaw Man.

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders – Sheila Barter – Captain, Diane Ryan – Co-Captain, Erica Benvenutti, Megan Hunter, Mikki Kenny, Tess Kingston, Michelle Lady, Natalie Mitchell, Verina Robiller, Renee Romain, Emilie Scianna, and Meghan Williams.

# SSC Baseball Has Begun

Coach Stace McRaney informed the Rock-A-Chaw that the SSC baseball season is underway. Tryouts were held the week of January 11th - 15th for players who were not playing soccer or basketball.

The SSC baseball program is looking forward to a successful season with the return of eleven lettermen from last year's squad. The season will begin on February 20th when the SSC hosts the fifth annual St. Stanislaus Catholic Schools Tournament.



The Rocks hope to enjoy the continued support of the SSC student body, faculty, and staff.

(The next column on this page shows the schedule for the varsity and junior varsity baseball team.)

| Date | Opponent | Site | Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| Feb. | | | |
| Sat. 20 | SSC Tournament | Home | |
| | SSC vs. St. John | | (V) 11:00 |
| | St. John vs. Mercy Cross | | (V) 2:00 |
| | SSC vs. Mercy Cross | | (V) 5:00 |
| Tues. 23 | Pass Christian | Away | (V) 6:00 |
| Fri. 26 | Ben Franklin, LA | Home | (JV) 5:00; (V) 7:00 |
| Sat. 27 | Hancock Tournament | Away | (V) TBA; (V) TBA |
| March | | | |
| Tues. 2 | *Bay St. Louis | Home | (JV) 5:00; (V) 7:00 |
| Fri. 5 | *Picayune | Away | (JV) 5:00; (V) 7:00 |
| Sat. 6 | Mercy Cross Tournament | Away | (V) TBA; (V) TBA |
| Tues. 9 | *Oak Grove | Away | (JV) 5:00; (V) 7:00 |
| Fri. 12 | *Petal | Home | (JV) 5:00; (V) 7:00 |
| Sat. 13 | Biloxi | Away | (V) 8:00 |
| Fri. 19 | *Columbia | Home | (V) 6:00 |
| Sat. 20 | *Pearl River Central | Away | (JV) 12:00; (V) 2:00 |
| Tues. 23 | *Hancock | Away | (JV) 6:00; (V) 8:00 |
| Fri. 26 | *Bay St. Louis | Away | (JV) 6:00; (V) 8:00 |
| Sat. 27 | Pass Christian | Home | (JV) 11:00; (V) 1:00 |
| Mon. 29 | *Picayune | Home | (JV) 5:00; (V) 7:00 |
| April | | | |
| Sat. 3 | *Oak Grove | Home | (JV) 12:00; (V) 2:00 |
| Mon. 5 | Poplarville | Away | (JV) 4:00; (V) 6:00 |
| Tues. 6 | *Petal | Away | (JV) 5:00; (V) 7:00 |
| Fri. 9 | *Pearl River Central | Home | (JV) 5:00; (V) 7:00 |
| Sat. 10 | Shaw, AL | Away | (V) 1:30 |
| | McGill-Toolen, AL | Away | (V) 4:00 |
| Tues. 13 | *Columbia | Away | (V) 6:00 |
| Fri. 16 | *Hancock | Home | (JV) 6:00; (V) 8:00 |
| Sat. 17 | Harrison Central | Home | (V) 11:00, (V) 1:30 |

* denotes district games

# Sail On!

The St. Stanislaus sailing team qualified to sail in the Mallory Cup National High School Regatta. The regatta will be sailed in Grosse Pointe, Michigan on May 8th and 9th.

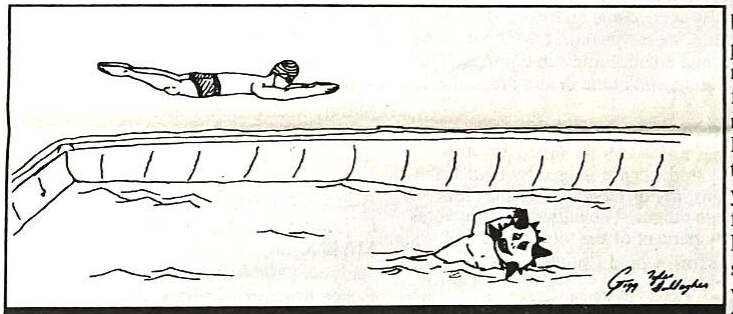
The qualifying regatta was help at Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans on February 6th and 7th. David Taylor skippered for team A with Keith Puckett and B.J. Keel as crew. Ben Puckett was the B team skipper. His crew was Emily Taylor and Melissa Chapoton. Four high school teams competed in our area for two spots at the national championship. The teams were Jesuit High School, Mount Carmel High School, and Sacred Heart Academy, all of New Orleans.

Shown here are Mrs. Jennifer Schmidt and the crew of the St. Stanislaus sailing team.

The competition was tough, but the Rocks pulled it off. They were in third place, five points behind the Mount Carmel team, after Saturday's races. On Sunday, they sailed two beautiful races and tied Mount Carmel for second place. After the tiebreaker the results were: Jesuit 1st place, St. Stanislaus 2nd place, Mount Carmel 3rd place, and Sacred Heart 4th place.

There will be many fundraisers between now and May, as the team raises money to travel to Michigan. Come out and support our Sailors!

# Last Splash of the Season



Drawing by Tyler Gallagher.

**By Coach Joe Gex**

The 1998 SSC Swim Team finished its season on October 24th placing seventh in the MHSAA State Swimming Championships in Biloxi. The team placed seventh overall but was the second highest rated southern team in the rankings. The team barely missed a top five finish by three points. All schools that finished ahead of SSC were 5A schools and Ocean Springs was the only other southern team ranked ahead of SSC.

On October 3rd, the Rocks participated in the Biloxi Fall Invitational and placed fourth overall out of 17 teams from Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama. The Rocks were the second ranked team from Mississippi in the meet. The Rocks received a record-breaking performance from junior Jamie Higgins in the 500-yard freestyle. He placed second with a time of 5:34.49, which shattered the old record by 59 seconds.

Thad David broke his own school record in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 59.34. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Higgins, David, Robin Herndon, and Billy Bourgeois set a new school record with a time of 3:56.48.

Herndon also set a school record in the 100-yard breastroke with a time of 1:11.72.

On October 17th, the team competed in the MHSAA South State championships in Biloxi where they placed second overall. The team missed out on the championship by a mere three points to Picayune Memorial High School.

The team received record-breaking performances from Jamie Higgins in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:28.69, which placed him second overall. He also won the 200 IM with a time of 2:14.94. Robin Herndon broke his own school record in the 100-yard breastroke with a time 1:10.54 and also placed second. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Higgins, Herndon, David, and Finnila placed first and set a new school record with a time of 3:51.43.

In the state championships on October 24th, the team set five school records. Jamie Higgins broke his own school record in the 200 IM with a time of 2:14.20. He placed third overall in the state. Thad David rebroke his school record in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 59.28. The 200-yard freestyle relay team of David, Matt Finnila, Robin Herndon, and Higgins placed fifth and broke the school record with a time of 1:43.63. Herndon broke his own school record and placed fifth in the 100-yard breastroke with a time of 1:09.3 1. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Higgins, Herndon, David, and Finnila placed fifth and set a new school record with a time of 3:50.57.

Coach Joe Gex commented on the season, "I thought that we swam well this season. We had some training setbacks with the weather but we can't avoid that. We started to peak at the right time and got some great swims."

"We placed seventh in the state and that is not too shabby considering that all the teams that finished ahead of us were 5A schools. We don't have any seniors so next year looks very promising for us. We broke a lot of school records but the bottom line is that the kid's times were dropping. That means we are becoming better swimmers. We had a great year and I am very proud of this team. They deserve what they get."

# Basketball Statistics

Here are the statistics for the Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball teams.

Varsity:

Record: 19-3 Overall and 3-2 District

Also won 4 Invitational Tournaments

POINTS

1) Junior Davis-17.8
2) Paul Farve- 1 7.2
3) Zeke Davis-12.6
4) J.R. Willis-7.0
5) Steve Peterman-6.8

REBOUNDS

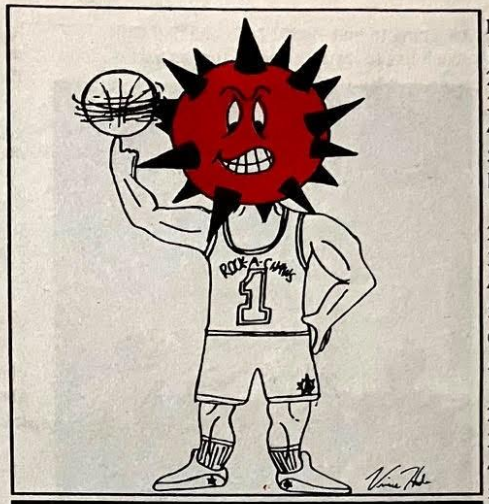
I) Steve Peterman-6.2
2) Paul Farve-6.1
3) Brantley Ladner-5.8
4) Ben Ladner-5.6
5) J.R. Willis-5.2

ASSISTS

1) J.R. Willis-7.2
2) Brantley Ladner-3.5
3) Jason Santiago-3.3
4) Zeke Davis-3.3
5) Paul Farve-3.0

STEALS

1) J.R. Willis-4.2
2) Zeke Davis-4.0




Drawing by Vince Hoda.

3) Junior Davis-3.7
4) Jason Santiago-3.1
5) Paul Farve-3.0

Junior Varsity:

Had a 10-1 record overall

POINTS

1) Mike Ryan-13.3
2) Lee Howard -10.0
3) Grayson Timidaiski-9.2
4) Aaron Dunklin-8.6
5.) John Ellis-7.8

REBOUNDS

1) Lee Howard-6.7
2.) Grayson Timidaiski-5.0
3.) John Ellis-4.8
4.) Aaron Dunklin-4.2
5) Cameron Byrne-3.7
6) Kris Cannon-3.7

ASSISTS

1) Aaron Dunklin-4.3
2) Mike Ryan-4.1
3) John Ellis-3.5
4) Lee Howard-2.9
5) Cameron Byrne-2.4

STEALS

1) Aaron Dunklin-3.7
2) Lee Howard-3.0
3) Kris Cannon-2.7
4) Grayson Timidaiski-2.6
5) Mike Ryan-2.2

# Soccer Statistics

Drawing by Tyler Gallagher.

Here are the statistics for the Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Junior High soccer teams.

**Varsity**:

The Varsity had a record of 18-4-1 overall as of 1/27/99.

**Goals**: Wadsworth-18 Gagnon-16 Middleton-16 Alvarez-1 I Vanney-7 Rich-5 DelaFuente-3 Genin-3 Lewis-2 Everett-2 Brooks-2 Ridgeway-2 Cranford-2 Covington-2 Heaps-1 Hansell-1 Kulikowski-1 Theriot-1

**Assists**: Rich-22 Middleton-11 Covington-8 Vanney-4 Alvarez-4 Wadsworth-4 Genin-3 DelaFuente-2 Powell-2 Brooks-2 Everett-2 Heaps-1 Kulikowski-1 Ridgeway-1

**Defense**: Favre-K Vanney-SW Powell-SW Everett-FB Harshbarger-FB Lewis-SW/FB Genin-ST Flores-ST

**Junior Varsity**:

The Junior Varsity had a final record of 7-0-2 overall.

**Goals**:Kulikowski-7 Benet-7 Hansell-5 Brooks-5 Covington-5 Cranford-4 Heaps-3 Theriot-2 Powell Turfitt Strickland

**Assists**: Heaps-7 Brooks-3 Hansell-3 Covington-3 Turfitt-2 Benet Breland Leonard Cranford Theriot Kulikowski

**Defense**:Mendoza-K Powell-SW Kulikowski-SW Fitzmaurice-FB Leonard-FB Strickland-FB Breland-ST

**Junior High:**

The Junior High Soccer team had a final overall record of 10-5. Also they reached the semifinals of the Rumell Junior High Tournament.

**Goals:** K. Lewis-11 M. Kivlan-9 J. Bourgeois-4 T. Farrar-2 P. Natal-1 S. Azpiri-1 P. Gil-1 J. Lingsch-1

Assists: K. Lewis-2 J. Bourgeois-1 T.J. Koger-1 J Gomez- 1 M. Kivlan-1 K. Lewis-1 T. Kulikowski-1 S. Azpiri-1 J. Johnson -1 P. Natal-1

**Combined Goalkeeping:**

(S. Olsen/T. Farrar)

Average-1.2 Goals against/game

# Sports, Handshakes, and Sportsmanship

SSC Varsity Basketball and Junior Varsity Basketball are enjoying successful seasons this year. A great deal of this success is the result of excellent coaching. The Rock-A-Chaw is pleased to share an interview with SSC Varsity Basketball Coach Jay Ladner.

"Coach, how long have you been at SSC?"

"Eight years. I began my coaching here."

"You and your assistants, Errol Gauff and Brother Anton, coach a very impressive varsity team.
How do you and your staff build an effective team?"

"We really put our team together at the seventh grade level. It's a continual process; we build from the seventh grade team where our program starts. We take a lot of pride in the off season activities. We practice and work very hard. We participate in the summer team preparations; we do weight lifting and plyometrics."

"Coach, what are plyometrics?"

"Plyometrics is a term for explosiveness in play and jumping."

"What qualities do you look for in key players?"

"We like all players to possess the general qualities necessary, and we took for aggressiveness, coachable attitudes, and dedication."

"Coach, during one home game, there was a very questionable call. How do you, as a head coach, stay focused and on track after such a call?"
"Officiating is part of the game. Officials are going to make good calls and bad calls. A coach has to learn to accept that as part of good

Garv Maitland goes up for a shot against two Catholic High defenders.

sportsmanship. As a matter of fact, we instill this attitude in our players by not allowing them to dispute a call in any way, not even by a facial expression."

"Coach, that does seem to promote not only good sportsmanship, but it also exemplifies positive Christian values."

"Yes, and our boys know that if one of them fouls out, that player goes to each official to shake hands before that player leaves the court. We consider this very important."

"Coach, congratulations are in order for your recent Mayor's Cup victory. How was that experience?"

"Well, something like that is always special. It means a lot to us because we defeated a division rival, a cross-town rival. Also, in the eight years since the Mayor's Cup has been around, SSC has won it seven times."

"That's quite a record, Coach. How do you see the end of the SSC basketball season?"

"Our goal is to win state championship in class 4A. There is a long road between here and there. Our division is extra tough. It will take a yeoman's effort to accomplish our goal."

"What, if anything, may change about your strategy for next year?"

"We've got most of our boys returning for next year. Looking ahead, we hope for a similar style team with a lot of pressing, tough man-to-man defense, and a quick up tempo."

"Are there any final words for your team, Coach?"

"They've worked extremely hard in the off season. Hopefully we'll be able to finish where we'd like to for this year. I think, and this is presently unofficial, but at this point SSC has more regular season wins than in any other time in SSC basketball history."

"That's quite a record, Coach."
The Rock-A-Chaw thanked Coach Ladner for giving his time for this interview. It's clear our SSC Varsity Team has accomplished much this year, and we wish the players continued success under Coach Ladner and his staff. Best of luck, Varsity and Junior Varsity Rocks!

# A Winning Hand . . . Aces for A.C.E.

Imagine that you are one of the 494 students who participate in the academic competition called A.C.E. The competition takes place early on a Saturday morning in December at St. Stanislaus College Prep School. Through the eyes of one A.C.E. participant, we get a glimpse of the experience:

I am nervous and scared. I want to do my best because I have been chosen to represent my school. I don't know quite what to expect as I arrive on the SSC campus. Almost immediately I see three massive hot air balloons. They are so huge, maybe 100 feet wide and twice as tall! The balloons are so colorful: bright reds and blues.

Older students, boys in red coats, show everyone where to go as they give us directions around the school. They look sharp, and they tell us, "Good luck on the test."

Our teachers round us up in our teams and bring us into the school building. There are people everywhere. I recognize some students from other schools who have come to the competition. A nice man comes up to me and asks me if I've ever written with a pen that changes ink color right before my eyes. Suddenly a crowd gathers around me to watch the magic tricks this magician is performing.

Even though there are a lot of people, everyone knows exactly where to go to take the test. The adult in our room is very friendly. The test is challenging, but I think I do fine with it. After, I talk with students from other schools and make some new friends.

The older boys in the red coats come by our classrooms and take us in tours around the school. It is the prettiest school I've ever seen. I love the big oak trees everywhere. This school even has a beach in front of it with volleyball nets and a big pier that goes way out onto the water. Boy, are the guys that go to school here lucky! They must go fishing everyday!

We eat lunch in the cafeteria, and then we head to the gym. We are all seated, and a man with a microphone welcomes us. The gym is packed with students, teachers, and parents. The SSC Band plays some Christmas songs, and the cheerleaders do some cheers. But I like the basketball team the best. These guys look like the Harlem Globetrotters doing all their drills.

Then I get nervous again because it is time to announce the winners. There is a table with plenty of trophies on it. I hope my name is called.

It is such a fun day! I get a T-shirt, and I see the Heisman trophy. I know about this trophy because of a show on ESPN about Heisman trophy winners, and I hear Doc Blanchard's name, and I remember it from the show. Wow! All I can say is I want to go to this school!

# Senior Profiles: Paul Favre

**By: SSC Newspaper Staff**

Watching senior Paul Favre play competitive basketball gives the observer the feeling that this sport could figure prominently in Paul's life. It seems he loves to play the game. As a member of an impressive SSC Varsity Team, Paul plays with an ability level that reflects hours of practice and dedication. His enthusiasm is evident throughout the game, and he seems to bring out the best in himself on the court. The Rock-A-Chaw caught up with Paul for an interview.

"Paul, how long have you been a student at St. Stanislaus?"

"I started school here in the seventh grade."

"Did you start playing basketball then?"

"Yes."

"Do you participate in other sports?"

"I run track. I run the 200-meter, and I participate in the long jump. I like basketball best. I like the real up-tempo. It's fun and it's exciting to play."

"Paul, do you see yourself playing college basketball?"

"I don't really plan on it, but I might play ball for Dillard University."

"Dillard is located in New Orleans, right? Is there another college you are considering?"

"Well, there's USM and Dillard."

"As a senior, Paul, what are the positives?"

"Well, in sports, you have a lot of responsibility on the team. You look to see that the other players are doing what they need to do. All the younger students seem to look up to you when you're a senior."

"How would you advise these younger students?"

"Work hard in school. Live life to the fullest. Stick with it and be dedicated."

"Paul, do you have any feelings about leaving SSC?"

"To tell you the truth, I'm going to miss it. It might not seem like it, but these are the best years of my life. A person never gets a chance to be young again. That's about it."

"Paul, we know you've been an avid Chicago Bulls fan, but now that the Bulls have experienced a major break-up, how about Paul Favre's prediction for the next great pro basketball team?"

"Lakers."

Paul shared a smile at this last word. He knew he was talking to a Jazz fan.

# Senior Profiles: Patrick Lee

**By: Ryan Davis**

Senior Patrick Lee agreed to be interviewed by the Rock-A-Chaw after school. He had a friendly personality throughout the interview.

"Patrick, how long have you been a student at St. Stanislaus?"

"This is my sixth year at St. Stanislaus."

"What sports, activities, or interests are you into at SSC and outside of school?"

"At school, I am a member of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, I have been training in Taekwondo for eight years. I am currently teaching a class of five-to-eleven-years-old at the Long Beach/Pass Christian Y.M.C.A. I have played the piano for ten years, and I have recently started playing the guitar."

"If you could change one thing at school, what would it be?"

"I would like to see more spirit-related activities such as pep rallies for fall sports and free-dress days."

" To change the subject a little, what are some of the advantages and disadvantages of being a senior?"

"The biggest disadvantage of being a senior is that there is little free-time left between staying on top of your classes, extra-curricular activities, and preparing for college in the form of applications and essays.

On the other hand, there is a certain relief in knowing that the year of hard work in high school will soon pay off in college."

"How has this school prepared you for college?"

"St. Stanislaus has taught me what it means to be responsible for myself and for doing what I need to do. Challenging courses like Brother Malcom's Honors Chemistry and Mr. Gemelli's Calculus have helped prepare me for an environment where I will have to use reason and logic to go beyond simple memorization problems and procedures. Also, my teachers have assisted me greatly in the college application process."

"Do you have any advice for the younger students?"

"The best advice I have for the younger students is to stay on top of you classes. It can be easy to fall behind, especially as your classes grow more and more challenging. I also advise everyone to take the ACT as many times as possible, even during your junior year. Start looking into and applying to colleges early to avoid having all the pressures dropped on you as a senior."

"Thank you, Patrick."

# Math, Science Wins

**By Mr. Jim Thriffiley**

Here are the results of the Mississippi Math and Science Tournament, which took place on February 4th. There were eighty-seven schools and 758 students competing in the contest.

Marc Cerisier won the overall state championship in computer science, and he was awarded a gold medal and a $8,000 scholarship.

Edward Flores scored in the top five percent in chemistry and earned a $2,000 scholarship

Denny Li ranked in the top ten percent in mathematics and earned a $2,000 scholarship.

Daniel Osorno scored in the top seven percent in physics and was awarded a $2,000 scholarship. He also ranked in the top twenty percent in math and was presented a $1,200 scholarship.

Andres Osorno ranked in the top ten percent in physics and was given a $2,000 scholarship.

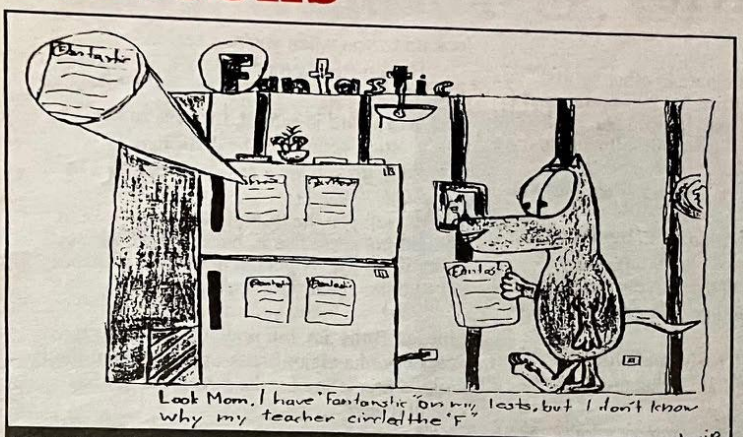
Jonathan Gagnon scored in the top thirteen percent in physics and was awarded a $1,200 scholarship.

D'Mitre Sofianos scored in the top twenty percent in mathematics and was awarded an $1,200 scholarship.

Jordan Blaize scored in the top twenty percent in computer science and earned a $1,200 scholarship.

Other members of the team were Patrick Lee, David Oliver, Michael Giardino, and Kris Schaumburg.

# Cartoons




Cartoon by Mario Matienzo.

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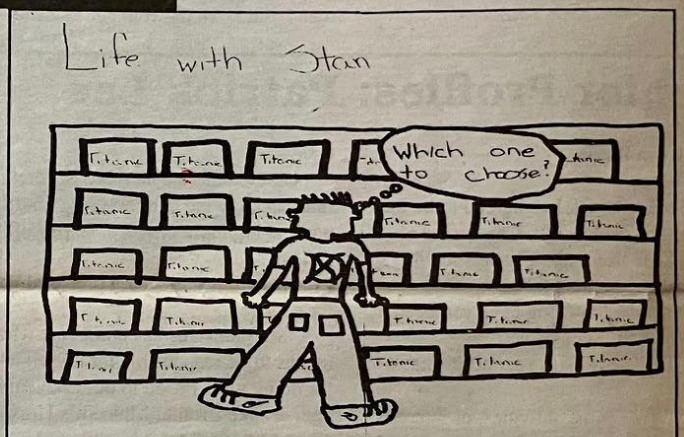
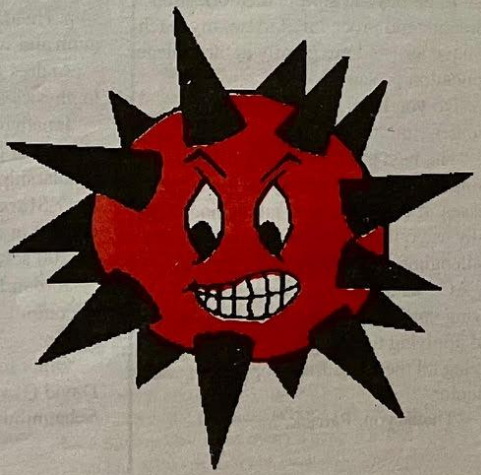



Cartoon by Jeremy Burke



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